



## STATE OF IDAHO

March 20, 2008

The Honorable Lawrence Denney  
Speaker of the House  
Idaho House of Representatives  
Legislative Annex  
Boise, ID 83720

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have returned without my approval, disapproved and vetoed, the following House Bill, to wit:

### H0553

within the time limited by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 3:15 p.m. on March 18, 2008.

All state employees now get Columbus Day and Veterans Day as holidays from work. This bill would allow only employees at the Department of Education to swap those two days for Christmas Eve and the day after Thanksgiving.

The department contends the change would align its employees' holidays with those of public schools, enabling department employees to be available for calls from schools. However, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna and I agree that the change and the precedent it would set are unnecessary, and that the Department of Education can achieve its goals without this bill.

As Always – Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C.L. Butch Otter".

C.L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor of Idaho